

City of San Diego

# **Water Main Replacement**

Encanto and Southeastern San Diego | Project 555 Water Group 905Cl | Construction Update Newsletter



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#### **Construction Updates**

onstruction is complete and more sufficient curb banks are installed in Encanto and Southeastern San Diego. However, construction crews began work on a section of 36th Street between National Avenue and Acacia Grove Way in mid-January. The project team added



Temporary water pipeline connections ensured water reliability during construction along La Paz Drive.

this segment of work into the current job after a recent water main break. The team anticipates completion of the 36th Street job by June. Repavement of all Encanto and Southeastern San Diego areas will occur in June of this year when warmer weather arrives.

If any water leaks are observed when construction crews are not in the area, call our emergency line at (619) 482-2076 and reference Water Group 905CI. For general information, call **(619) 533-4207**.

# Water Main Replacement Projects Save Money

The Nov. 22 edition of Parade Magazine featured water main breaks as a massive concern and epidemic

nationwide as many of the country's cast iron pipes date back a century or more. Last October, water main breaks in Boston, Tampa and San Antonio wasted millions of gallons of water. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, it will cost \$277 billion to fix the nation's infrastructure, and the amount of water lost annually equates to the amount of water used by Californians. While water main construction projects may create a short term of inconvenience for some, water main collapses are far more costly than scheduled replacement projects, avoid untimely headaches and prevent regrettable water loss.

To view the full article, visit www.parade.com/intel. Click on "More Intel Reports" and select, "Our Crumbling Water Pipes."



Crews work to replace old cast iron pipes with new pipes.

### **Community Group and Business Outreach**

To ensure proper notification took place, the project team presented to the Valencia Park Town Council, Southeastern San Diego Planning Committee and the Coalition of Neighborhood Councils last fall. Additionally, team representatives visited multiple businesses along the alignment to distribute materials to business owners and answer their questions.

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If you have any questions about this project, please call our public information line at (619) 533-4207 or visit us online at www.sandiego.gov/engineering-cip.



## **With Special Thanks!**

As construction nears completion, the project team thanks the residents and businesses in the targeted areas for their patience as crews replaced the water mains in the Encanto and Southeastern San Diego communities.

The project goals are to reduce maintenance needs, increase the size of existing mains to better serve the area, improve service reliability and minimize future water main breaks caused by aging pipes. The estimated project cost is \$7 million and is included as part of the Water Department's ongoing capital improvement projects.

#### **Contact Information**

Visit www.sandiego.gov/engineering-cip. Click on "Projects & Programs" for more information. Call (619) 533-4207 or send an e-mail to engineering@ sandiego.gov. Please reference Water Group 905CI and provide your address when contacting us. Anticipate a response within one business day.

Para obtener esta informacion en espanol, por favor llame al numero (619) 482-2076 y deje un breve mensaje en espanol con su numero de telefono.

#### **Water Flushing Required**

Water is a limited and valued resource in Southern California. Construction crews must flush the pipes with water to assure that they are clean and safe prior to distributing treated water to homes and businesses. Signs will alert the community when flushing occurs. Crews will work to minimize water use during this process without compromising safety.





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